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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 May 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 11-26 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 11-26 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 11-17, 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 4,406,656 to Hattler et al. Hattler discloses an indwelling multi-lumen catheter with an elongated cylindrical tube with lumens therethrough. Hattler further discloses multiple configurations, several devoid of sharp acute angles, of transverse and non-diametral septums that divide the tube into multiple passageways that may be used independently to carry fluids into and out of a patient. See FIGS 2-9, column 1, lines 12-15, column 5, lines 10-20. Since the septums of the Hattler device are integral with the catheter itself, they resist vertical displacement. Hattler further discloses that the cross-sectional area of the lumens vary with the flow of the fluids within the catheter. Therefore, the cross-sectional area of either the withdrawal or return lumens of the catheter disclosed by Hattler may be larger, equal in size, or smaller than one another at any given time, depending on catheter usage. See column 6, lines 9-11. Hattler further discloses that the catheter comprises adapters 60 and 70 for connecting with conventional fluid sources or other devices.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 18-20 and 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 4,406,656 to Hattler in view of US 5,395,316 to Martin. Hattler discloses the invention as claimed with the exception of an equal flow resistance and a beveled edge. Martin discloses a catheter with multiple lumens that has an opening for each lumen on the opposite side of a beveled edge in order to avoid occlusion by a blood vessel. The lumens are arranged to allow for similar intake and return flow rates, increasing the efficiency of a blood treatment process. Similar flow rates indicate similar flow resistances. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a beveled edge to the distal end of the catheter and provide similar flow resistance in the lumens of the Hattler device in order to prevent occlusion and increase treatment efficiency, as taught by Martin.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. US 6,146,354 Beil

i. Multi-lumen catheter with balanced flow rates

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leslie R. Deak whose telephone number is 703-305-0200. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5:00, every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela D. Sykes can be reached on 703-308-5181. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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